

## **Principal Linc March 9, 2010**

### **Progress Reports and Conferences**

The March parent teacher conferences are an opportunity to discuss your child's accomplishments as well as strategies that will help them progress toward the goals listed on their progress reports. We value your questions and input as we work together to support your child's social and academic development for the remainder of this year. Please note that class placement requests are not part of our placement protocol.

### **Designated Parking Areas**

We have recently received an increase in complaints about cars that are double parked, cars parked in restricted areas as well as areas marked with diagonal "no parking" lines. There are spaces on the Washington St. side of Lincoln that are reserved for handicapped parking and there is an area on the Main Street side reserved for the bus stop. We are all looking out for the safety of our children and appreciate your continued cooperation and respect for these regulations

### **Kindergarten Registration and Orientation**

We have received about 75% of the kindergarten registrations that were mailed out for Lincoln. Spread the word that we would love to receive the remaining ones ASAP for planning purposes. The All Day Kindergarten option will once again be Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays. The cost will be determined in the near future partially based on enrollment. It will not exceed last years' cost of \$1600 and could be less. Kindergarten orientation will be Wednesday, May 5<sup>th</sup> at most of our elementary schools. Unlike other years, kindergarten screening will take place in late May by appointment and will be explained at orientation. Exact dates and details will be published soon.

### **MCAS Schedule**

All intermediate students in the public schools will take the English language Arts portion of the Massachusetts Comprehensive Assessment System later this month. Lincoln School third graders will test on March 24 and 25. Our fourth graders will test on April 1 and April 6. Our fifth graders will test on April 7 and 8. All fourth graders across the state complete the long composition on Tuesday, March 23. Please make every effort to send your student to school on the days they will be taking the tests. Although there are make-up days for absentees, it is preferable to have students take the test with their classmates.

### **LEXIA**

Thanks to a John and Mary Murphy grant, the elementary schools have received LEXIA, a phonetic software program, which provides practice on increasingly challenging decoding skills. Ten of our staff members will be trained in the use of Lexia on Tuesday, March 16.

### **Congratulations**

Congratulation to Jen and Seth Samson on the birth of their daughter, Isla, born Monday, March 1 weighing 6lbs, 6oz. Mrs. Samson's students are in very capable hands. Jenna Kinsella, who substituted for Eileen Swartz and Chris Wolfe, will be with the class for the rest of the year.

### **Wilson Farm Fundraiser**

Thank you to all the Lincoln families who supported the Wilson farm Fundraiser last week. This year we raised \$2,809 for the Winchester Public Schools

### **March 25 Early Release Day**